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NEWS BY TO-DAY'S MAIL.

The General Episcopal Convention, sitting in Philadelphia, passed a resolution, in response to an invitation from the House of Bishops, setting apart Tuesday, the seventeenth instant, as a day of special thanksgiving, that it has pleased Almighty God to restore the church to its old relations of brotherly affection and union throughout the whole land.

A Nashville despatch says the Senate spent Monday in debating on the admission of negro testimony in the courts.

General Sterling Price has been appointed by the Emperor Maximilian one of three American Commissioners of Emigration for Mexico.

The twenty thousand dollar clause of the Amnesty Proclamation, it is now explained, applies only to certain classes of offenders, who are required to make special application for pardon. All other persons who are worth more than twenty thousand dollars may find immediate relief by simply taking the amnesty oath.

An organized band of outlaws infest the mountains above Lynchburg, and it is no unusual sight to find a dead body in the roads or woods in that section. Mr. Allen T. Garey, of Richmond, recently undertook to visit that section for the purpose of buying butter. Leaving Lynchburg one day last week on foot, he proceeded towards Fincastle. About midnight he was overtaken by a band of about twenty men, who robbed him of every cent he possessed. He attempted to call for assistance, but the first alarm caused them so to tighten their hold upon his throat that he sunk to the ground exhausted. He was left in this situation by the villains.

Mr. Julian Mitchell, of South Carolina, who was commissioned to go to Washington to solicit President Johnson to restore to the owners the valuable plantations on the Sea Islands of that State, writes to Charleston that he has succeeded in obtaining a general order for the restoration of the lands. General Howard, of the Freedmen's Bureau, will shortly visit Charleston to make a formal surrender of them.

The President has taken no definite action as yet on the application for the removal of General Palmer, but has decided not only that all colored troops shall be withdrawn from Kentucky, but all other troops, which practically disposes of the case. It is also said that the President has determined that all troops, of whatever character, shall be withdrawn from the South, except what few may be required to man the fortifications, immediately after the restoration of civil government in the several States.

As illustrating the mortality among the negroes in a state of freedom, a Richmond paper cites two instances. In the case of ninety-eight slaves from one plantation, who took refuge in 1863 within the Federal lines, twenty-five died within two years. In another case of twenty-six negroes, who made their escape to the free States, eight of the original number died within the space of thirty-one months.

The President has ordered George W. Gale a lawyer of Alabama, to be transferred to a civil, instead of a military court, for trial. He is charged with being the author of an advertisement soliciting contributions to the amount of one million of dollars, with which to procure the assassination of President Lincoln.

The Mississippi Legislature met at Jackson, the capital of the State, and organized on Monday. Gen. S. J. Gholson was elected Chairman of the Senate, and Col. Simonton Speaker of the House. General Humphreys was inaugurated Governor of the State, Monday evening.

The Provost Marshal of New Orleans is undertaking to manage election matters in that city, by striking off the registry list at least one-fifth of the enrolled voters on the ground of alleged disloyalty. Governor Wells has protested against this interference as in violation of the established law of the State, and if the Provost Marshal persists in his course, will appeal to the President to settle the matter.

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HQ'RS. CHIEF ENGINEER OF DEFENCES, WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 23, 1865.

SEALED PROPOSALS are invited, and will be received at these headquarters, until MONDAY, 23d of OCTOBER, at 12 M., for the purchase of the abattis around the several forts and batteries hereinafter named; and also for the timber, lumber, and other materials within the several forts and batteries, viz:

SOUTH SIDE OF THE POTOMAC.
 Fort Marcy and batteries north of Pimmet Run, Forts Bennett, Haggerty, Woodbury, Cass, Albany, Scott, Jackson, Runyon, Berry, and batteries between Forts Craig and Berry, and at the crossing of the Columbia turnpike. Fort Barnard and its exterior battery and magazine. Forts Reynolds, Garesche, Williams, and the two batteries to the east and west of this fort. The two batteries in the valley of Hunting Creek, and Fort Willard and its exterior batteries.

Also six (6) blockhouses—three at the south end of the Aqueduct bridge—one at the Leesburg turnpike, and two in the valley of Hunting Creek.

Also, the Stockade across the south end of the Aqueduct bridge, and the abattis across the valley of Four-mile run.

ACROSS THE EASTERN BRANCH.

Forts Snyder, Ricketts, Wagner, Davis, Meigs, Chaplin, and the two new forts on the right and left of it.

Also, the Block-house and Stockade at the Navy-Yard bridge.

NORTH OF WASHINGTON.

Forts Jamieson, Thayer, Morris, Saratoga, Bunker Hill, Slemmer, DeRussy, Smeade, Kearny, Russell, Gaines, Bayard, Simmons, Mansfield, and the field batteries adjacent to these forts.

Also, the following river batteries, viz:—Vermont, Martin Scott, Kemble, Parrott, and the two field batteries on the bank of the river.

Also, the Block-house and Stockade on the Washington Aqueduct road, near Fort Sumner. The abattis around the several forts and batteries is made of the tops of trees, and is suitable for firewood.

The timber frame-work and heavy log roofing of the bomb-proofs, guard-houses, magazines, and implement-rooms, is of hard wood—oak, chestnut, and cedar—is generally in good condition, and may be removed without much labor.

The lumber with which many of these buildings are lined is sound, and may be used for fencing or any other purpose to which common cullings are usually applied.

The stockades are of hard wood posts, from nine (9) to twenty (20) inches in diameter, and generally about thirteen (13) feet long. This timber is very valuable, and may be easily removed.

The revetments consist either of posts, from five (5) to eight (8) feet long, and from five (5) to nine (9) inches in diameter; or of white pine cullings, and will be valuable for fencing.

Separate proposals will be received for the abattis, and for the timber, lumber, and other materials in each fort and battery above named.

Proposals to be endorsed as follows, viz:—
 "Proposals for Abattis at Fort—"
 "Proposals for Timber, Lumber, &c., at Fort—"

and addressed to the undersigned.

Proposals for the Abattis by the cord, or running foot, or for timber or lumber by the foot, will not be entertained. The bidders should offer so much for the Abattis of each Fort, and so much for the timber and other material in each Fort, in the gross.

The undersigned reserves the right to reject any of the proposals, if deemed to the interest of the Government to do so.

Payments to be made in Government funds upon the acceptance of any proposal, and prior to the removal of the property.

Purchasers will be required to remove their property within thirty (30) days after their proposals are accepted.

For further information, inquire at the office of the Chief Engineer of Defences, corner of Nineteenth street and Pennsylvania avenue.

B. S. ALEXANDER,
 Brevet Brig. Gen., U. S. A.
 Chief Engineer of Defences.
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 oc 10—tf

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We solicit consignments of all kinds of Country Produce, Dry Goods, Groceries, Cotton Yarns, Tobacco, &c.

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aug 11—tf

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sep 21—tf

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